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Kirtland opens new Laser Joint Technology office



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Col. Mark Stephen (left) congratulates Al Shaffer during a Feb. 1, 2002 ribbon-cutting ceremony at which Shaffer officiated for a newly formed High-Energy Laser Joint Technology Office. Shaffer is director of Plans and Programs within the Office of Undersecretary of Defense. Stephen, deputy director of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate at nearby Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., was representing the directorate, which has people assigned to this Department of Defense organization. The Joint Technology Office is building on Army, Navy and Air Force high-energy laser technologies to improve the nation's overall defense capabilities in this area. Among the other attendees were U.S. Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman. (Air Force photo) @